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SUBJECT: INTERIOR MINISTER WEYER ACCUSES DUTCH AUTHORITIES
OF LAXNESS IN DRUG CONTROL

1. IN THIS ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARLIAMENT ON THE CRIME
SITUATION IN LAND NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA INTERIOR MINISTER
WILLI WEYER SURPRISED HIS LISTENERS AND THE PRESS BY HIS
BLUNT CRITICISM OF DUTCH AUTHORITIES FOR NOT BEING SUFFICIENTLY
AGGRESSIVE IN DEALING WITH THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM.

2. WHILE INSISTING THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO LECTURE A
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NEIGHBORING COUNTRY, WEYER PROCEEDED TO DO SO IN CRITIZING

THE PERMISSIVE ATTITUDE OF THE DUTCH AUTHORITIES REGARDING THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF HASHISH. THE RESULTING PROBLEM SPILLS OVER THE BORDER WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND COULD LEAD TO A GERMAN LAND MINISTER CALLING FOR BETTER EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN DEALING WITH THE DRUG SITUATION. WEYER WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF DUTCH PHYSICIANS AND SOCIAL WORKERS FOR ALLEGEDLY NOT CONSULTING THE POLICE WHEN TREATING ADDICTS AND INSISTED THAT COOPERATION WITH THE POLICE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER COULD LEAD TO APPREHENSION OF DEALERS. CONCLUDING THE ANTI-DUTCH PORTION OF HIS REPORT, WEYER URGED THE AMSTERDAM POLICE TO GO THROUGH THE CHINESE QUARTER WITH A 'FINE TOOTH COMB'.

3. THE BULK OF WEYER'S REPORT WAS CONCERNED WITH CRIME IN GENERAL, BUT HE PAID PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO DRUG RELATED CRIMES. WHILE NOTING AN APPARENT DECLINE IN DRUG CONSUMPTION, WEYER CITED A 52 PERCENT INCREASE IN BURGLARIES OF DRUG STORES AND A 70 PERCENT INCREASE IN BREAK-INS IN DOCTORS' OFFICES OVER LAST YEAR.

4. COMMENT: WEYER'S REPORT RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PRESS ATTENTION INCLUDING EDITORIAL COMMENT. HOWEVER, NO ONE WAS SO UNGRACIOUS AS TO CHIDE WEYER FOR CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK SINCE HIS OWN POLICE ARE RELUCTANT TO GO INTO THE DUSSELDORF 'ALTSTADT' (WHERE MOST OF THE LOCAL DRUG TRAFFIC TAKES PLACE) ON WEEKENDS. HENNEMEYER

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